

**Notice: The Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC) is soliciting qualified individuals and companies that are interested in the decontamination and cleanup of properties that have been quarantined due to the criminal activities associated with Clandestine Drug Laboratories (CDL).**

Law enforcement agencies are quarantining properties with CDL as they are encountered. In 2003 alone, over 500 CDL were identified in Tennessee and it is believed that an additional 1,000 CDL are currently in operations that have not been encountered. CDL are encountered on various types of properties ranging from single-family homes, rental properties, to hotel and motel rooms. In order for property owners to have their property removed from quarantine, they must seek the help of qualified professionals and companies to have their property decontaminated, tested and certified that their property is 'Safe for Human Use' to the designated quarantining agency.

TDEC Commissioner, Betsy Child, promulgated emergency rules providing standards for testing and cleanup of CDL to allow implementation of Chapter 855 of the Public Acts of 2004 on August 18, 2004. In addition, the Commissioner is developing a list of professionals able to perform the services of an industrial hygienist. This list currently only includes a limited number professionals holding a certification from the American Board of Industrial Hygienists. The Commissioner is additionally willing to accept applications from other individuals who qualify as industrial hygienists under TCA 62-40-101. Professionals on this list will need to be able to assess the hazards associated with CDL activities, determine appropriate levels of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needed to perform the cleanup, develop cleanup work plans, document cleanup activities, and collect appropriate samples required to determine that a property is 'Safe for Human Use'.

The Commissioner is also seeking to develop a list of individuals or entities that are qualified to provide the necessary cleanup required. Professionals holding a certification from the American Board of Industrial Hygienists are currently included on this list. Other individuals and entities interested in participating in the cleanup /decontamination of CDL are encouraged to present their qualifications and experience.

If you or your company wishes to be considered for inclusion on one or both of the Commissioner's lists, please submit a Statement of Qualification (SOQ) that describes and outlines any previous experience in cleaning up CDL and hazardous waste decontamination. Additionally, please provide current training certificates that are applicable to this type of decontamination activity. At a minimum you or your company should have individuals that are and have:

- **OSHA 40-hour HAZWOPER Training:** - This course meets the training requirements of the HAZWOPER regulation, 29 CFR 1910.120(e)(3)(i).
- **3-day Washington State CDL worker and supervisor certification, or its equivalent:** - The required 3-day certification course provides information on property assessment, decontamination techniques, and work plan development.
- **40-hours of HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE** in the field of decontamination of hazardous materials.

If you have questions concerning this notice, please contact Jim Morrison at 615-532-0900.

Sincerely,

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